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FAS Bangkok Successful in Maintaining U.S. Sheep Blood Market

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Report Highlights:

TH1027 The Office of Agricultural Affairs in Bangkok negotiated with Thai Department of Livestock Development officials in releasing a shipment of U.S sheep blood seized on March 3, 2011. The Office also ensured that future shipments would continue unhindered. The market for U.S. sheep blood is \$21,000.00.

General Information:

On March 3, the Office of Agricultural Affairs (OAA) was informed by an importer of U.S. sheep blood that their product had been detained by the Department of Livestock Development (DLD) at Suvarnabhumi Airport, on BSE concerns as the US is classified as a controlled risk country. However on March 4, the OAA was able to secure its release after negotiating with Thai DLD officials that the said product was intended to be used as a medium in blood agar plates used for human diagnostic testing. In addition, the OAA cleared with the DLD officials the proper channels that the shipments should undergo to avoid further detentions. OAA informed the importer of the proper procedures for further shipments. The value of this specific shipment was \$1,756.75, and the total import value of U.S. sheep blood is over \$21,000 annually.

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